



The **X-MEN**™ FEATURING:



# THE *SENSES-SHATTERING* **CYCLOPS**

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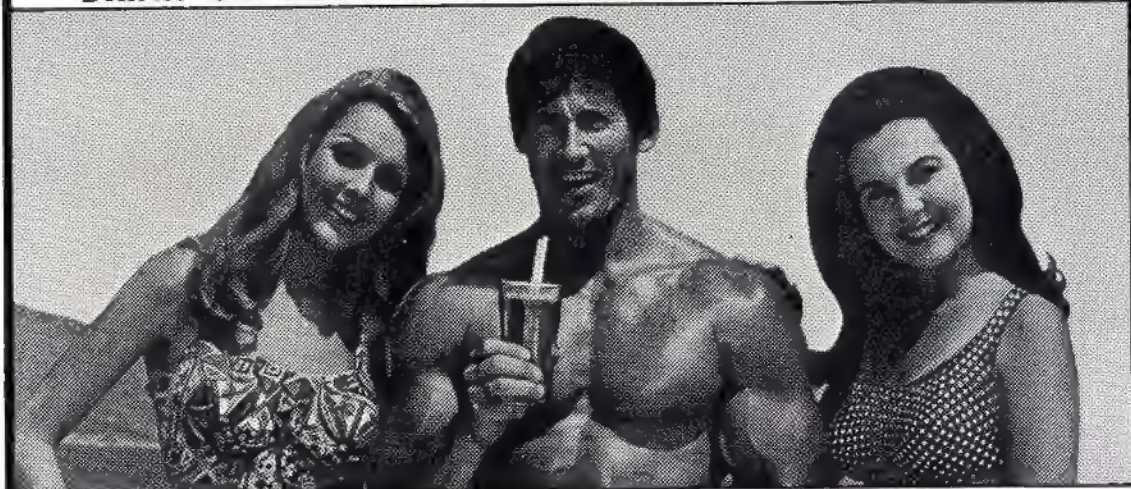


**"WHEN  
MUTANTS  
CLASH!"**



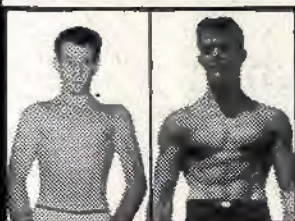
# Tired of Being 'SKINNY'?

DRINK ON POUNDS OF WEIGHT FAST—THE FUN WAY!



## GAINS OF UP TO A-POUND-A-DAY PROVEN BY THOUSANDS

IT'S DELICIOUS! IT'S WILD! The new taste-sensation "CRASH-WEIGHT GAINING PLAN" developed by Joe Weider, "Trainer of Champions", "Architect of Beauty" helps you drink on pounds... UP TO A POUND A DAY easily and enjoyably while you rest... relax... watch TV... sleep. Men, women and children... see measurable gains instantly and say goodbye to your skinny, undesirable string-bean body... NOW!



BEFORE AFTER

### HERE'S LIVING PROOF IT WORKS— FAST

Used with amazing results by tens of thousands of men, women and children for more than 7 years! Now, you too can take this guaranteed way to build up your caloric intake for fast and substantial weight gains!



BEFORE AFTER

### GAINS 18 LBS. IN 14 DAYS!

The "before" photo shows how Larry Chamiel looked without the added weight he needed so badly. The "after" photo shows Larry 14 days after he started the Crash-Weight Plan and gained 18 pounds. He writes: "What more could a guy ask for? All I did was add 4 glasses of Crash Weight Formula #7 to my regular meals, follow Joe Weider's Plan and I gained a tremendous 18 pounds in two weeks!"

### SHOULDN'T THIS HAPPEN TO YOU?

### GAINS 14 LBS. IN 14 DAYS!

James Parker of Ft. Worth, Texas writes: "It's Fantastic—I went from 158 to 172 pounds in 14 days. Gained 14 pounds in 14 days and added 2 inches to my chest. I'm more than satisfied!"

### SHOULDN'T THIS HAPPEN TO YOU?

### DO-IT-YOUR-SELF GAIN-A- POUND- A-DAY KIT!



This is a 1-day supply of Crash-Weight, chock full of weight-gaining nutrients that can smash the weight-gaining barrier!

You want to gain a pound a day? Half a pound a day? Maybe you just want to add a few pounds here and there? You want it easily... enjoyably... without stuffing yourself and counting calories?

### NOW YOU CAN

### It's simply wild... AND IT WORKS!

You too can follow this amazing Crash-Weight Formula #7 Plan and drink on as much as a pound a day... Skinny people are undesirable... they look sickly. Say goodbye to your string-bean looks with this sensational new plan—NOW!

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### MONEY BACK GUARANTEE COUPON

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IT'S HERE!

JOIN THE WEIGHT GAINABLES! DRINK ON POUNDS-FAST! SAFELY!



**X-MEN!** THE MOST UNUSUAL FIGHTING TEAM OF ALL TIME!™

# “WHEN MUTANTS CLASH!”

WARREN'S BEEN  
GONE TOO LONG!  
HE SHOULD HAVE  
BEEN BACK WITH  
HELP BY NOW!

MAGNETO MUST HAVE  
STOPPED HIM SOMEHOW...  
AND, IF HE DIDN'T REACH  
THE AVENGERS, THE X-MEN  
MAY WELL BE DOOMED!

UNLESS I CAN  
CONCENTRATE THE  
FULL FORCE OF MY  
OPTIC BLASTS ON A  
TINY PORTION OF THE  
LEAD SHIELD AROUND  
MY EYES...AND SOME-  
HOW BREAK FREE!

ROLL UP FOR THE  
MAGICAL MUTANTIA  
TOUR, MARVELITES!  
YOUR GALLANT GUIDES  
WILL BE...

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JOHN TARTAGLIONE...INKER  
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\*BUT WE ALL  
KNOW THE HIGH-  
FLYING ANGEL  
WAS DELAYED BY  
A CRIMSON-CLAD  
SWINGER KNOWN  
AS THE RED RAVEN.  
LAST ISH...  
DON'T WE?  
...UNCERTAIN  
STAN.

AND, WITH THAT SENSE-  
SHATTERING SYNOPSIS FROM  
CYKE'S OWN LIPS...ALL WE CAN  
SAY IS **TURN THE PAGE, MUTANT-  
WATCHER...** CAUSE THAT'S  
WHERE THE ACTION IS--!

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# Shamed by Your English?

*You can soon speak and write like a college graduate if you let me help you for 15 minutes a day.*

If you've ever been shamed by a mistake in English, maybe I can save you from years of disappointment.

I have met countless numbers of intelligent men and women who are being held back in their jobs and social lives, often without knowing it, because they cannot express themselves fully and easily.

## WHAT ABOUT YOU?

If people are not impressed by the way you speak and write—and if you're honest enough with yourself to admit it—you have already taken the first big step to success.

## HERE'S WHAT TO DO

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**Question:** *Are there other advantages to be gained by acquiring a command of good English?*

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**Question:** *Wouldn't I have to go back to school for a command of good English?*

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BUT, AS THE DESPERATE CYCLOPS CONTINUES HIS GRIM SEARCH...



...HIS EVERY MOVE IS CAREFULLY WATCHED FROM THE CASTLES' MENACING SHADOWS...

ONE OF THE X-MEN HAS ESCAPED!

THE MASTER MUST BE WARNED IMMEDIATELY!



FOR THE TOAD LIVES ONLY TO PLEASE MAGNETO!

AND IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT THE EVER-FAITHFUL TOAD SHOULD BE THE ONE TO WARN HIM!

BUT, AS THE GNARLED GNOME DARTS ACROSS A PASSAGEWAY...



WHA... THE TOAD! HE MUST HAVE SPOTTED ME!

CAN'T LET HIM TELL MAGNETO I'M FREE!

HOWEVER, AS THE X-MEN'S DEPUTY LEADER TURNS TO PURSUE HIS QUARRY...



AN IRON PANEL... CLOSING BEHIND HIM!

HAVE TO STOP IT!

IT STOPPED MOMENTARILY... BUT NOW IT'S STARTING TO CLOSE AGAIN!



MUST DIVE THROUGH... BEFORE IT'S COMPLETELY SHUT!

ALMOST HAVE IT MADE... IF I CAN SLOW IT WITH ANOTHER BLAST!

PHEW! I JUST SQUEEZED THROUGH... BUT I ALSO GAVE THE TOAD TIME TO MAKE HIS GETAWAY!



BUT I MUSTN'T LET UP! IF HE REACHES MAGNETO...

I'LL NEVER GET A CHANCE TO RELEASE BOBBY AND HANK!

AND I CAN'T LET ANYTHING STOP ME FROM DOING THAT... SO I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT WHICH OF THOSE THREE CORRIDORS THE TOAD TOOK!



HOWEVER, AS CYCLOPS PONDERS WHAT MAY WELL BE THE MOST FATEFULLY IMPORTANT DECISION OF HIS CAREER...

...LET'S TURN BACK THE CLOCK EXACTLY ONE HOUR....AND HOME IN ON THE WINGED MUTANT KNOWN AS THE ANGEL...

WINGS GROWING WEARIER BY THE SECOND... BUT I MUST REACH THE AVENGERS!

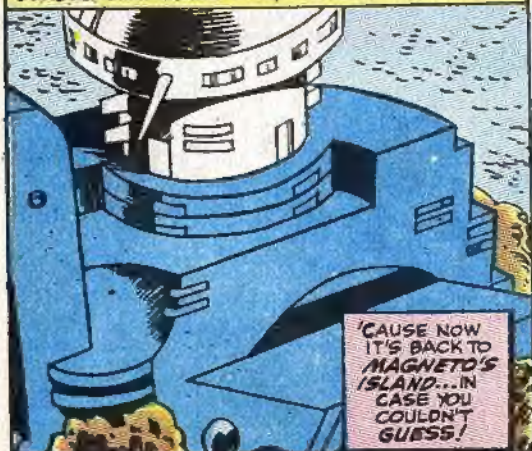
IF ONLY I HADN'T BEEN WAYLAID BY THE RED RAVEN!

IT'S STRANGE... BUT I CAN'T SEEM TO GET MY MIND OFF HIM!



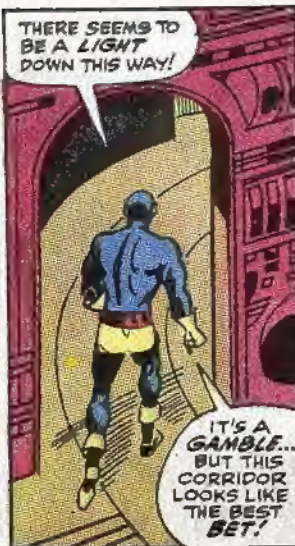


BUT, IF YOU WANT TO LEARN WHAT DEGREE OF SUCCESS THE ANGEL MET WITH, YOU'LL HAVE TO READ **AVENGERS #53**!...NOT TILL YOU'VE FINISHED THIS SENSES-SHATTERING EPIC, THOUGH!



'CAUSE NOW IT'S BACK TO **MAGNETO'S ISLAND**...IN CASE YOU COULDN'T GUESS!

THERE SEEMS TO BE A **LIGHT** DOWN THIS WAY!



IT'S A **GAMBLE**... BUT THIS CORRIDOR LOOKS LIKE THE **BEST**!

IT'S ENTIRELY UP TO ME TO STOP THE TOAD FROM **REACHING** MAGNETO!



AND, IF HE DIDN'T **GO** THIS WAY...I CAN **COLOR** THE **X-MEN** **FINISHED**!

HOWEVER, AS THE GRIMLY-DETERMINED SCOTT SUMMERS PRESSES ONWARD, TROUBLE LOOMS DIRECTLY OVERHEAD...

**FOOTSTEPS!** SOMEONE'S COMING THIS WAY! PROBABLY THE **TOAD**... SPYING ON ME FOR **MAGNETO** AGAIN!

IF IT **IS**, PERHAPS IT'S TIME I SHOWED HIM THAT NO ONE MONITORS THE EVERY MOVE OF **QUICKSILVER**!



BUT... **WAIT!** IT **ISN'T** THE **TOAD!** IT IS THE **X-MAN** CALLED... **CYCLOPS!**

HE HAS SOMEHOW MANAGED TO **ESCAPE**!



SOMEONE IS **WATCHING** ME! I CAN **FEEL** IT!

I'D **BEST** JUST **WALK** ON, THOUGH... AND **FORCE** WHOEVER IT IS TO **SHOW** HIS **HAND**!

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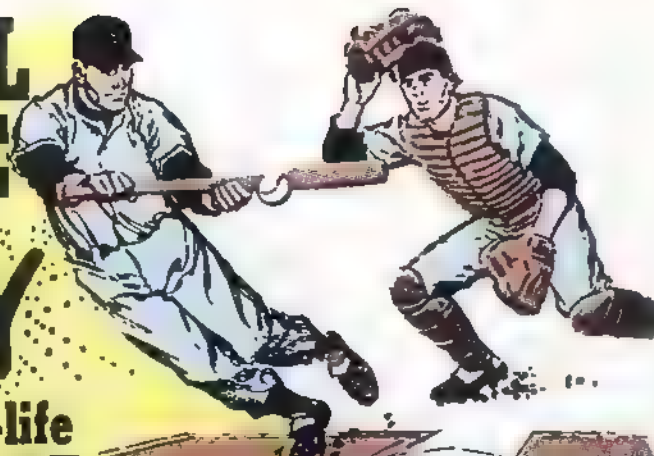
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I'm one hundred percent satisfied with it. The game provides hours of fun for me and my friends. It's very realistic, and true to life.

—C. H., Lanett, Ala.

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—P. M., Port Huron, Mich.

Thank you for creating such an exciting yet realistic game and putting a shine to what might have been a boring summer.

—N. S., Los Angeles, Calif.

Boys are waiting in line to play the game!

—A. H., Chicago, Ill.

It has given me more pleasure than any other game.

—S. E., Rossville, Ind.

The most exciting and fun game ever.

—L. S., Boston, Mass.

It is so stupendous, words can't explain.

—J. R., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Best on the market.

—J. E., Miami, Fla.

Has given me more enjoyment than I have ever had from any one thing in my entire life. It's worth its weight in gold. As I love baseball, this game gives me something enjoyable to do during the off seasons as well as during the season.

—S. C., Temple City, Calif.

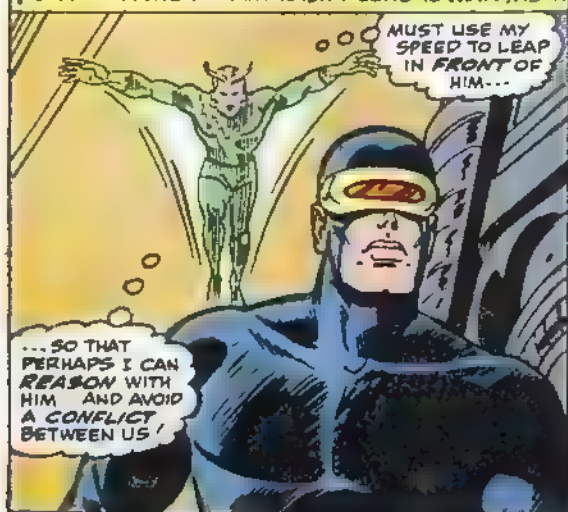
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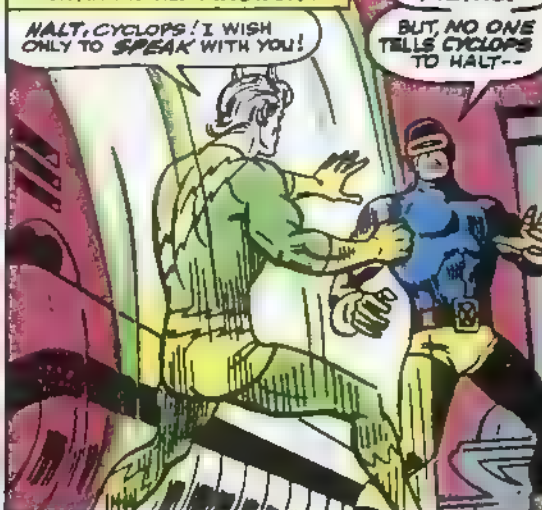
AND, THE YOUNG MUTANT HASN'T LONG TO WAIT, AS...



MUST USE MY SPEED TO LEAP IN FRONT OF HIM...

...SO THAT PERHAPS I CAN REASON WITH HIM AND AVOID A CONFLICT BETWEEN US!

THEN, IN THE NEXT INSTANT...



HALT, CYCLOPS! I WISH ONLY TO SPEAK WITH YOU!

PIETRO!

BUT, NO ONE TELLS CYCLOPS TO HALT--



AND I DON'T PARTICULARLY GO FOR PARLAYS WITH TRAITORS TO THE HUMAN RACE!

**ZAK!**

ONLY MY SPEED ENABLED ME TO DODGE HIS DEADLY BLAST!

PERHAPS IT IS TOO LATE FOR MERE WORDS!



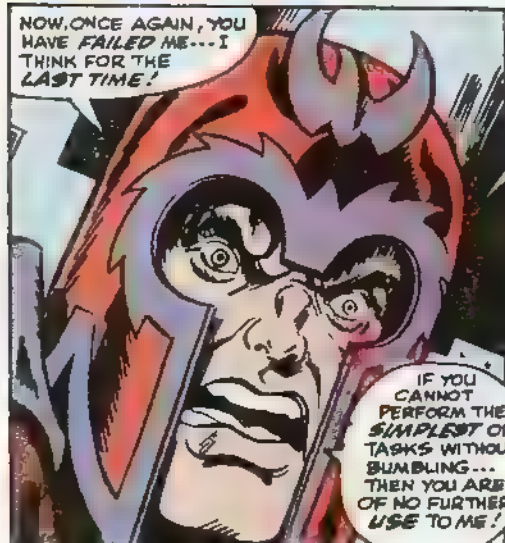
HOWEVER, AT THAT SAME MOMENT, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE MAMMOTH FORTRESS...

MASTER! MASTER! THE ONE CALLED CYCLOPS IS FREE!

WHAT?

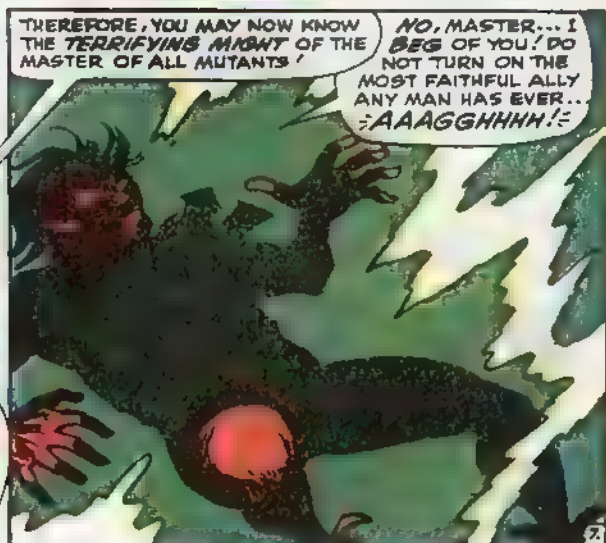
YOU SNIVELLING, COWARDLY DOLT... IT WAS YOUR JOB TO SEE THAT THE X-MEN REMAINED SECURELY IMPRISONED!

NOW, ONCE AGAIN, YOU HAVE FAILED ME... I THINK FOR THE LAST TIME!



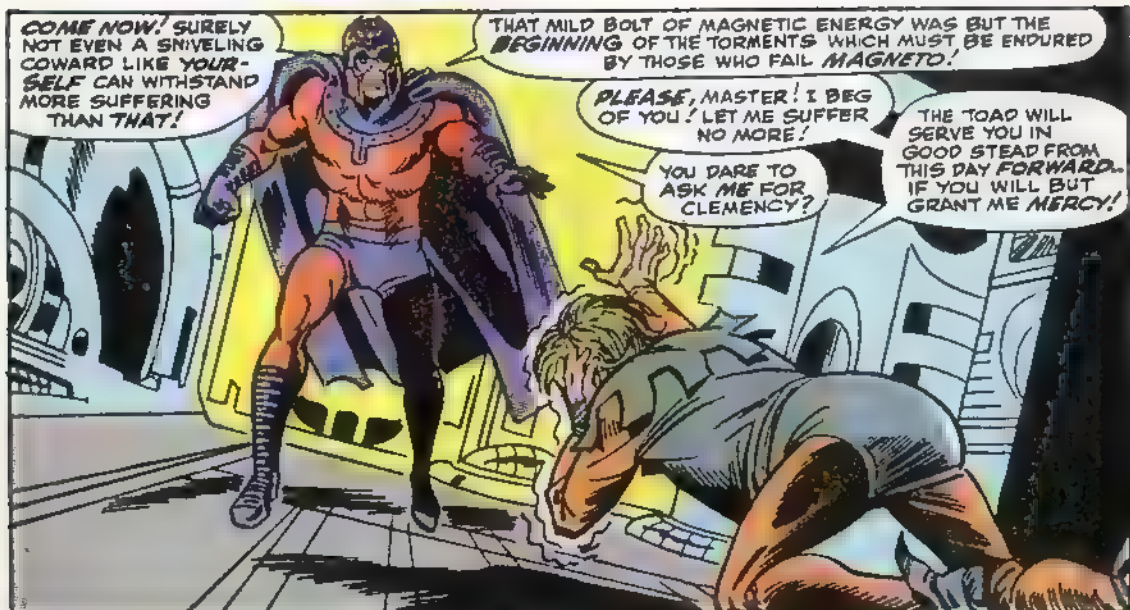
IF YOU CANNOT PERFORM THE SIMPLEST OF TASKS WITHOUT BUMBLING... THEN YOU ARE OF NO FURTHER USE TO ME!

THEREFORE, YOU MAY NOW KNOW THE TERRIFYING MIGHT OF THE MASTER OF ALL MUTANTS!



NO, MASTER... I BEG OF YOU! DO NOT TURN ON THE MOST FAITHFUL ALLY ANY MAN HAS EVER...  
AAAGGHHHH!!





COME NOW! SURELY NOT EVEN A SNIVELING COWARD LIKE YOURSELF CAN WITHSTAND MORE SUFFERING THAN THAT!

THAT MILD BOLT OF MAGNETIC ENERGY WAS BUT THE BEGINNING OF THE TORMENTS WHICH MUST BE ENDURED BY THOSE WHO FAIL MAGNETO!

PLEASE, MASTER! I BEG OF YOU! LET ME SUFFER NO MORE!

YOU DARE TO ASK ME FOR CLEMENCY?

THE TOAD WILL SERVE YOU IN GOOD STEAD FROM THIS DAY FORWARD. IF YOU WILL BUT GRANT ME MERCY!



Y-YOU'VE TURNED AWAY! THEN--YOU MEAN TO SPARE ME, MASTER--!

BAH! A TREMBLING, WHINING LACHEY SUCH AS YOU IS HARDLY WORTH THE EXERTION OF MY POWERS!

COME WITH ME TO THE MAGNA-SCREEN!



AND I MIGHT ADD THAT YOU HAD BEST PRAY NONE OF THE OTHER X-MEN HAVE BEEN FREED!

I HAVE NO TIME FOR DOING FURTHER BATTLE WITH THEM... AND, IF I AM FORCED TO WASTE EVEN A SECOND...

...ALL THE SUFFERING ENDURED BY MANKIND IN THE PAST WILL BE BUT A TRIFLE IN COMPARISON WITH THAT WHICH YOU WILL EXPERIENCE!

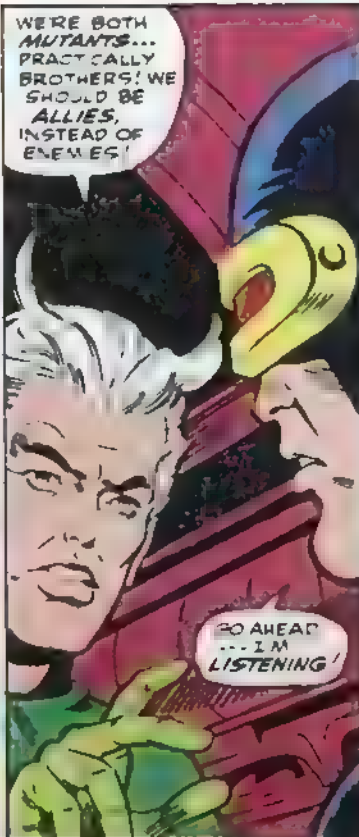




THEN AS THE FIERY EYES OF MAGNETO GLARE INTO THE G GANT C VIEW-SCREEN...

EITHER GET OUT OF MY WAY, OR I'LL WRECK YOU OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH!

IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT X-MAN BUT I STILL WISH YOU WOULD LISTEN TO ME!



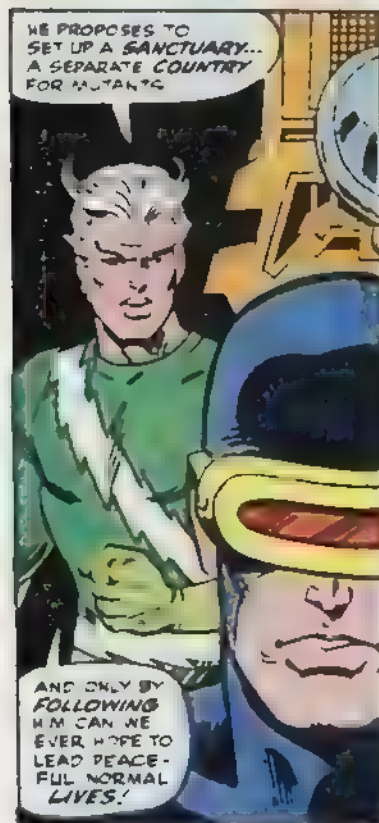
WE'RE BOTH MUTANTS... PRACTICALLY BROTHERS! WE SHOULD BE ALLIES, INSTEAD OF ENEMIES!

GO AHEAD... I'M LISTENING!



SINCE THE VERY FIRST MUTANT APPEARED ON EARTH, NORMAL MEN HAVE PERSECUTED US, HUNTED AND HOUNDED US.

NOW AT LAST MAGNETO HAS GIVEN US A CHANCE TO LEAVE ALL THAT TURMOL BEHIND!



HE PROPOSES TO SET UP A SANCTUARY... A SEPARATE COUNTRY FOR MUTANTS

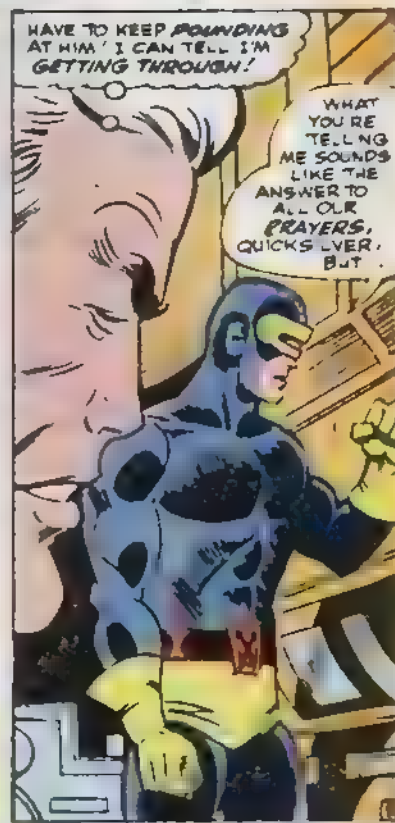
AND ONLY BY FOLLOWING HIM CAN WE EVER HAVE TO LEAD PEACEFUL NORMAL LIVES!



I'M CERTAIN HE'S WRONG AND YET THERE'S A LOT OF SENSE IN WHAT HE'S SAYING.

CAN'T YOU SEE? THIS MAY BE THE ONLY CHANCE WE'LL EVER HAVE TO LIVE LIKE NORMAL HUMAN BEINGS!

SPECIAL NOTE FOR YOU EAGLE EYED ONES WHO SPOTTED THE ARROW AT TOP LEFT HANG LOOSE! ALL WILL BE REVEALED TO YOU, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER! --SNEAKY SDAM.



HAVE TO KEEP POUNDING AT HIM! I CAN TELL I'M GETTING THROUGH!

WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME SOUNDS LIKE THE ANSWER TO ALL OUR PRAYERS, QUICKS LIVER! BUT...

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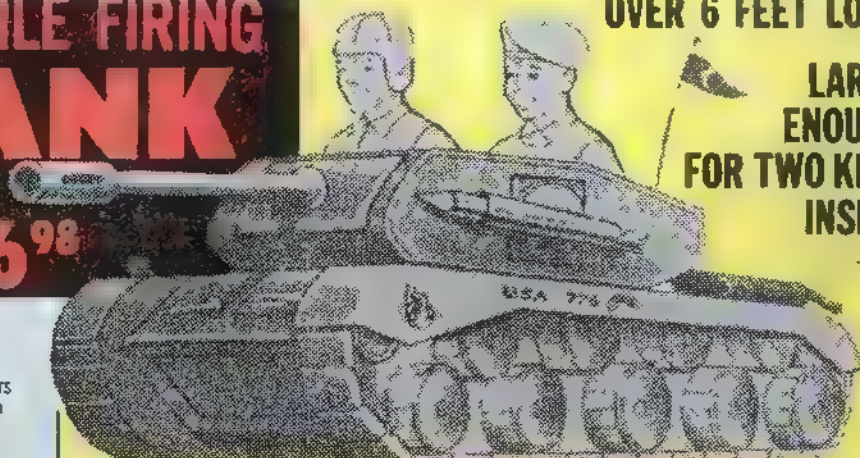


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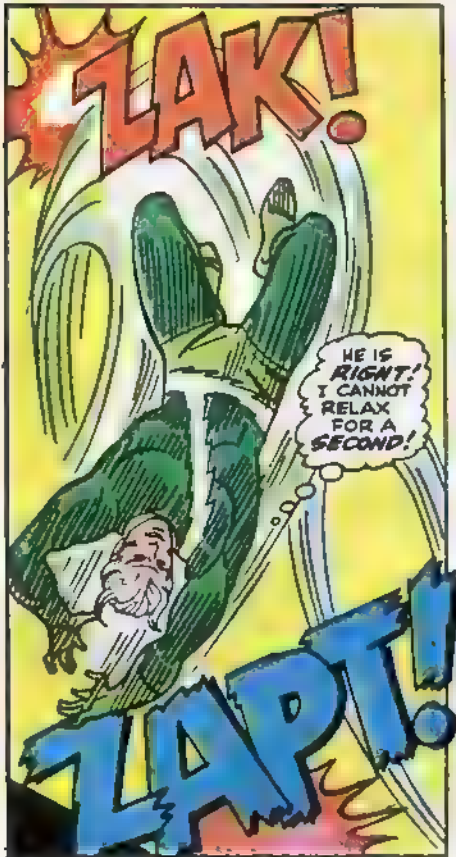
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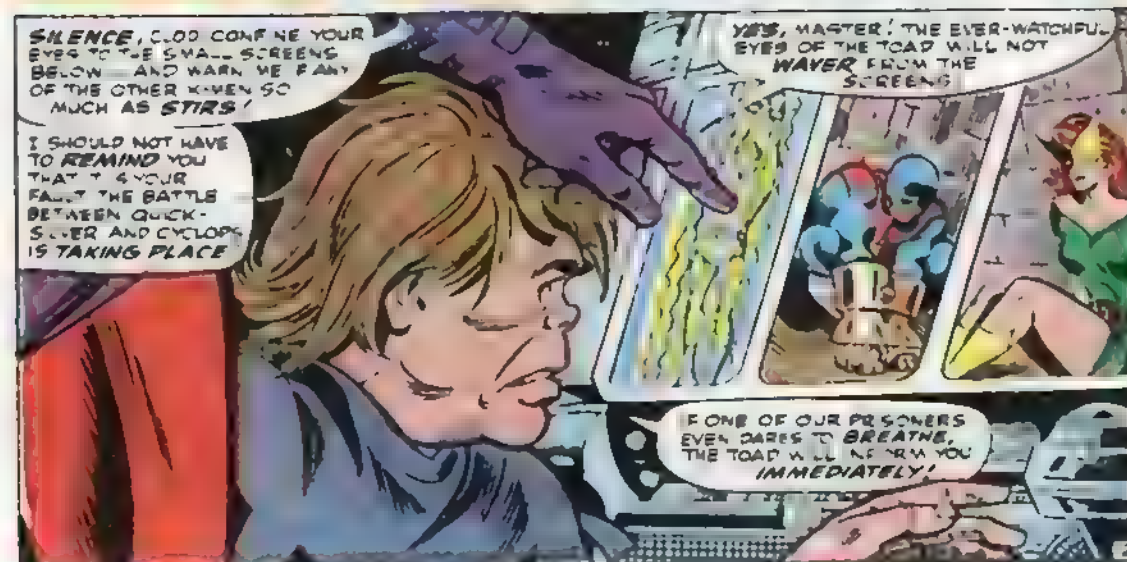
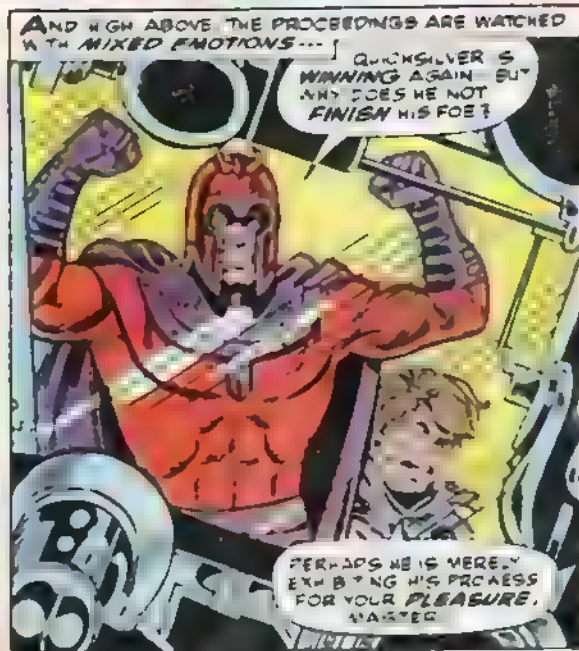
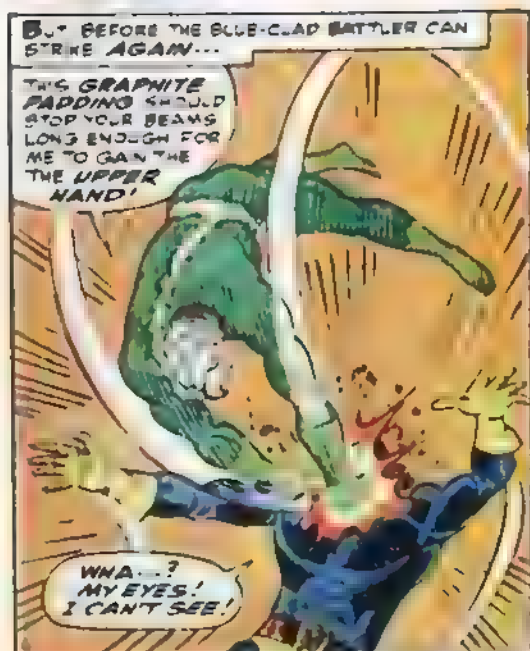
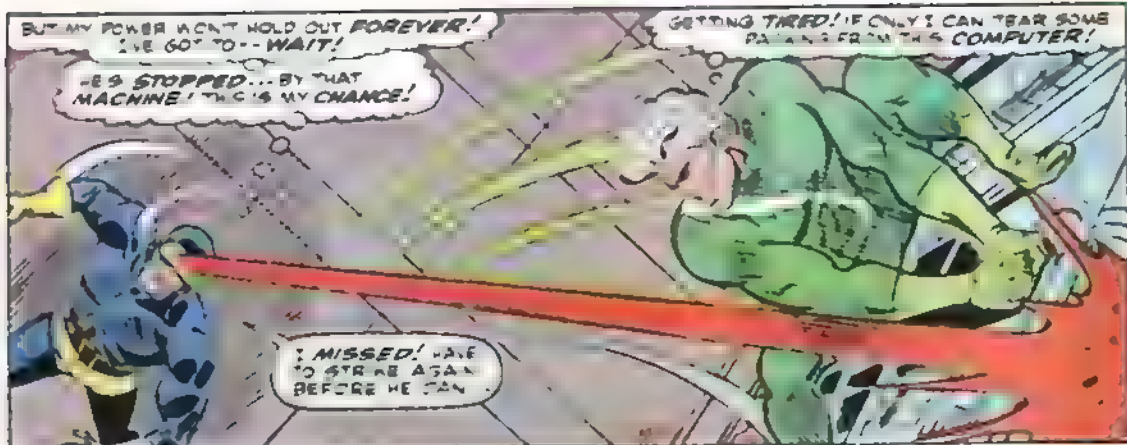














HOWEVER AS THE EVIL MUTANT CONTINUES TO RANT AND RAVE AT HIS COWERING LACKEY...

I HEARD YOU SHOUTING, MAGNETO

IS SOMETHING WRONG, OR...

PIETRO...MY BROTHER! HE'S FIGHTING WITH ONE OF THE X-MEN!

STOP THEM, MAGNETO! MY BROTHER COULD BE HURT OR EVEN WORSE!

DO NOT WORRY, MY DEAR WANDA! PIETRO'S FAR MORE THAN A MATCH FOR THE WAPLESS TEENAGER HE DOES BATTLE WITH!

DO YOU THINK I WOULD LET ANY HARM BEFALL ONE OF MY ALLIES?

I...I SUPPOSE NOT, BUT THE X-MAN LOOKS SO GRIM...SO DETERMINED!

YOU NEED NOT WORRY! MAGNETO IS IN COMPLETE CONTROL!

BESIDES IF THE FORMER AVENGER CANNOT DEFEAT CYCLOPS... HE IS CERTAINLY OF NO USE TO ME!

THERE WILL BE NO PLACE FOR WEAKLINGS IN THE KINGDOM OF MAGNETO!

THEN AS THE SCARLET WITCH LOOKS ON HELPLESSLY, HER INJURED MIND UNABLE TO FULLY COMPREHEND THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION...\*

I'VE SUCCEEDED IN STOPPING HIS OPTIC BLASTS... BUT HE MANAGED TO GRAB ME!

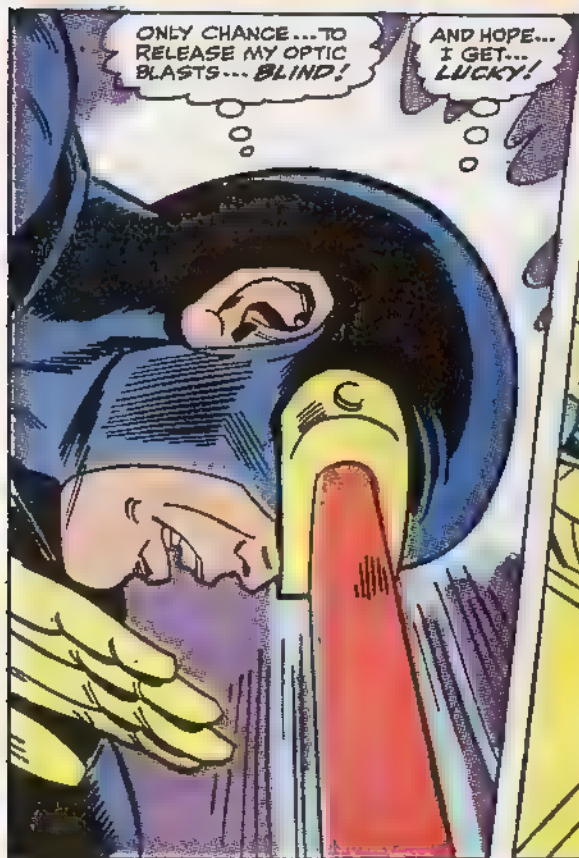
MUST BREAK FREE OF HIS GRASP BEFORE HIS SIGHT RETURNS!

MAGNETO'S PROBABLY SPOTTED US BY NOW MEANING THAT EVEN IF I CAN SOMEHOW DEFEAT QUICKSILVER I'LL STILL HAVE TO FACE HIM!

BUT I CAN'T GIVE UP! HAVE TO FIGHT TO THE LAST... FOR ONLY I CAN CLEAR MY EYES!

\*THE RESULT OF HER BEING INJURED BY A BULLET AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN AVENGERS #49! SURE BUT SORRY STAN.







THEN, AGONIZINGLY LONG SECONDS LATER, AS THE VISION OF THE YOUNG MUTANT CALLED CYCLOPS BEGINS TO RETURN...

QUICKSILVER... UNCONSCIOUS! I HEARD HIM CRY OUT! IT CAN ONLY MEAN... ONE OF MY BLASTS MUST HAVE STRUCK HIM!

I ONLY HOPE... I HAVEN'T KILLED HIM! GOT TO... FIND OUT! MAYBE I CAN STILL... HELP HIM!

HE'S STILL BREATHING... DOESN'T SEEM TO BE BADLY HURT!

MUST TRY TO REVIVE HIM! HE CAN PROBABLY TELL ME WHERE MAGNETO IS... AND BOBBY AND HANK AS WELL!

IF I CAN ONLY GET THAT INFORMATION... IT MAY STILL NOT BE TOO LATE TO STOP MAGNETO!

PIETRO! LISTEN TO ME, MAN! YOU HAVE TO SNAP OUT OF IT OR--

OR YOU'LL BE WEARIN' BANDAGES, SONNY... INSTEAD A THOSE NUTTY 3-D GLASSES!

WHO...?

THEN, TURNING IN SURPRISE AT THE SOUND OF AN UNEXPECTED VOICE, CYCLOPS SUDDENLY SEES--

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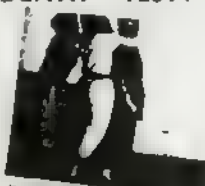
## CAN YOU PASS THIS "LIFE - OR - DEATH" TEST?



PROBLEM 1  
Your opponent has grasped you by the throat with his right hand. You will \_\_\_\_\_



PROBLEM 2  
Your opponent has a gun at your back, just above your waist. Before he kills you you must \_\_\_\_\_



PROBLEM 3  
Your opponent has his right arm around your neck from the rear to strangle you. You could out-manuever him by \_\_\_\_\_



# THE ORIGINS OF THE UNCANNY X-MEN!

## AND THE MOB CRIED... VENGEANCE!

HAVING LEARNED THE PLIGHT OF A YOUNG MUTANT IN NASSAU COUNTY, PROFESSOR X HAS DISPATCHED THE FIRST OF HIS X-MEN, **SCOTT SUMMERS**, TO RESCUE **BOBBY DRAKE** FROM THE WRATH OF A VENGEFUL CITIZENRY, ONLY TO FIND...

COME ON, FELLA!  
THERE'S NO TIME TO  
WASTE! WE'VE GOT TO  
BREAK OUT WHILE THERE'S  
STILL A CHANCE!

DREAM ON, BUDDY!  
I'M INNOCENT--I ONLY  
USED MY POWERS AGAINST  
THAT PUNK IN **SELF-  
DEFENSE!**

I DON'T KNOW  
WHO YOU ARE BUT  
I'M SITTING TIGHT  
TILL MY TRIAL!

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\* YOU SAW + LAST  
15HP DONT YOU?  
--UNCERTAIN STAN

BUT, AT THAT SAME MOMENT, IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE SMALL JAIL.

I'M TELLING ALL OF  
YOU TO GO HOME!  
THAT BOY'S  
GETTING  
A FAIR TRIAL!

SURE, SHERIFF--IF HE  
DOESN'T DECIDE TO FREEZE  
US ALL IN THE MEANTIME!

JAKE'S RIGHT! WE  
OUGHTTA GET RID OF  
HIM--BEFORE HE GETS  
A CHANCE TO  
TURN ON US!



BUT, AS THE HEATED DEBATE CONTINUES, LITTLE DO THE TOWNSPEOPLE REALIZE THAT THERE IS STILL ANOTHER MUTANT IN THEIR MIST...

LOOK DRAKE--  
I WANT TO  
HELP YOU--  
BUT YOU  
HAVE TO  
COOPERATE!

IF YOU DON'T  
DIG OUT  
NOW, THERE'S  
NO TELLING  
WHAT THE  
CITIZENS OF  
THIS TOWN  
MAY DO IN  
THE R  
PANIC!

I'M NOT SURE WHAT  
YOUR ANGLE IS, CHARLIE--  
BUT I'M NOT BUYIN' IT!

THEN FOR YOUR  
OWN SAKE--I'LL  
HAVE TO GET  
ROUGH!

HEY! WHAT'RE YOU  
DOIN'? SOME KIND'A  
FORCE BEARS--DOWN  
FROM YOUR EYES!

AND--WHAT HAPPENED TO ME? I KED  
UP ALL OVER--AS IF BY REFLEX ACTION,  
AND-- UNNNN!!

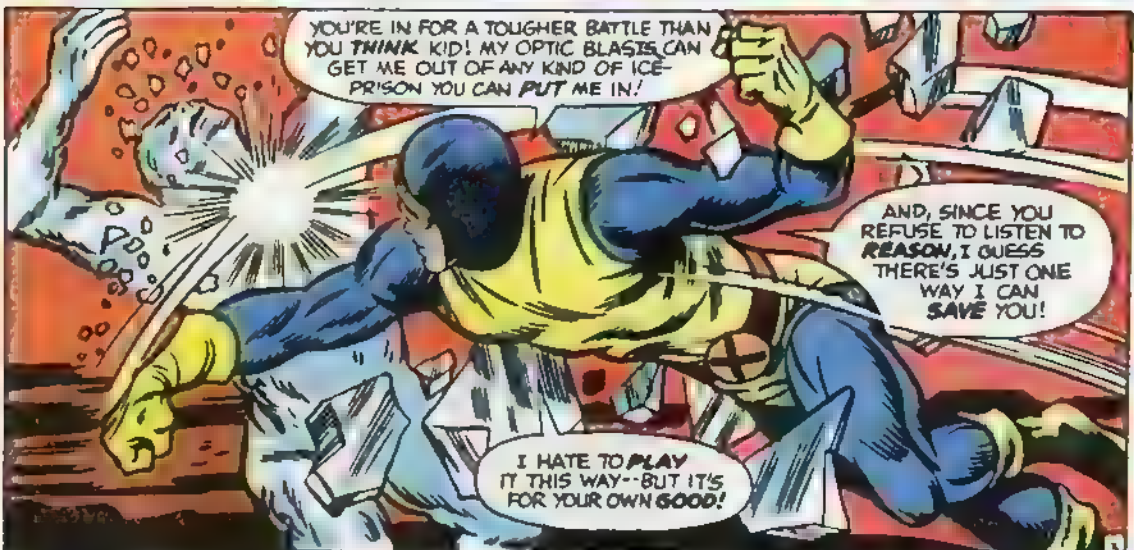
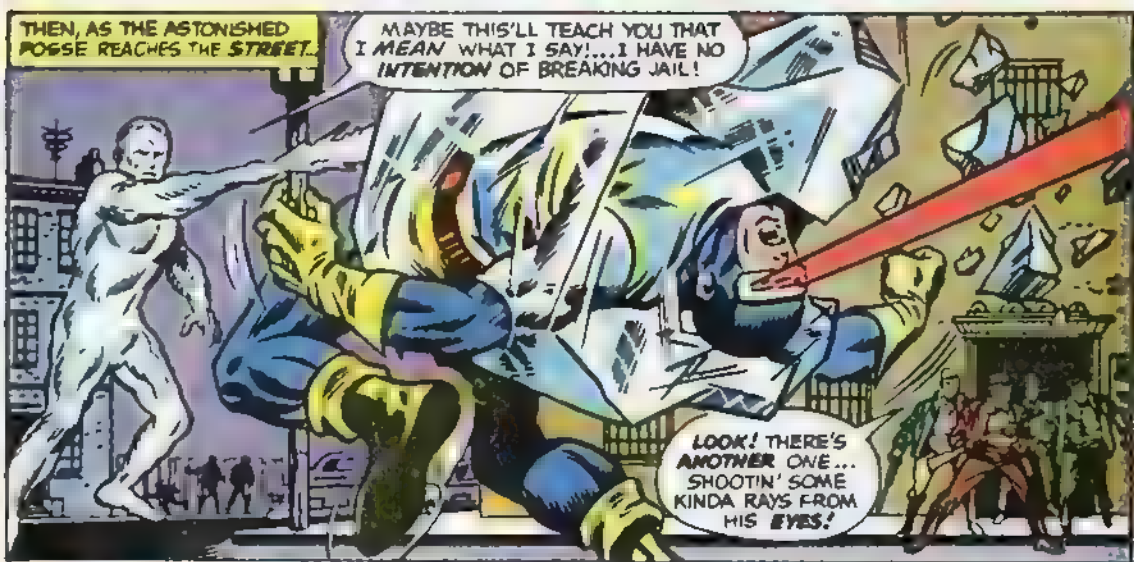
THAT'S A PART OF  
YOUR MUTANT  
POWER YOU DIDN'T  
SUSPECT! I--  
UN ON!!

HEADS UP, DRAKE!  
THE MOMENTUM OF  
MY LEAPS CARRYING  
US OUT OF THE HOLE  
I BLASTED--!

THEN, IN A FRACTION  
OF A SECOND THE  
TWO YOUNG MUTANTS  
CRASH TO THE  
GROUND BELOW...

...THEIR FALL  
BROKEN BY A  
LARGE AWNING  
SOME EIGHT FEET  
ABOVE THE SIDE-  
WALK BELOW!





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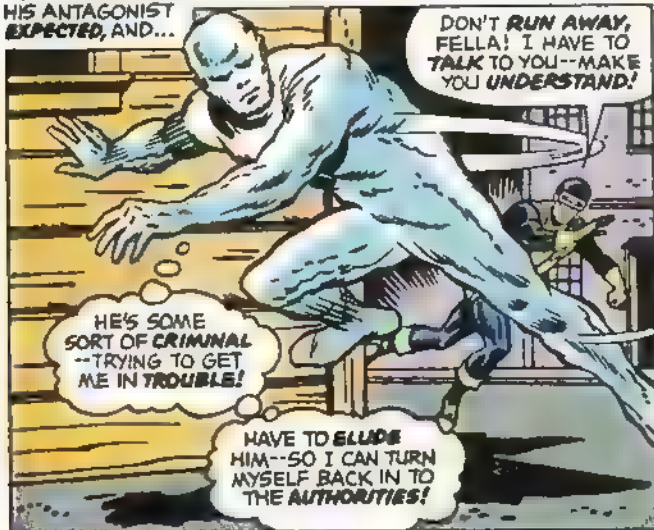








HOWEVER, THE SNOW-CLAD MUTANT TAKES A PUNCH BETTER THAN HIS ANTAGONIST EXPECTED, AND...



DON'T RUN AWAY, FELLA! I HAVE TO TALK TO YOU--MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND!

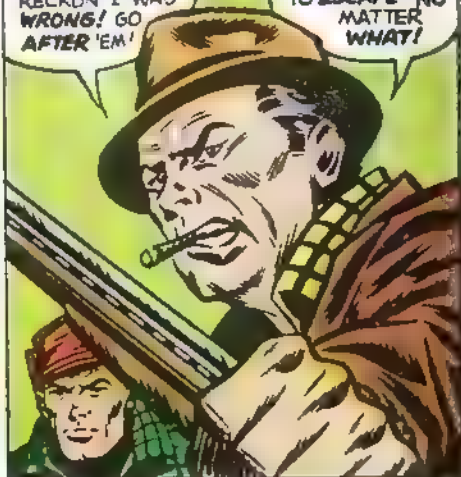
HE'S SOME SORT OF CRIMINAL--TRYING TO GET ME IN TROUBLE!

HAVE TO ELUDE HIM--SO I CAN TURN MYSELF BACK IN TO THE AUTHORITIES!

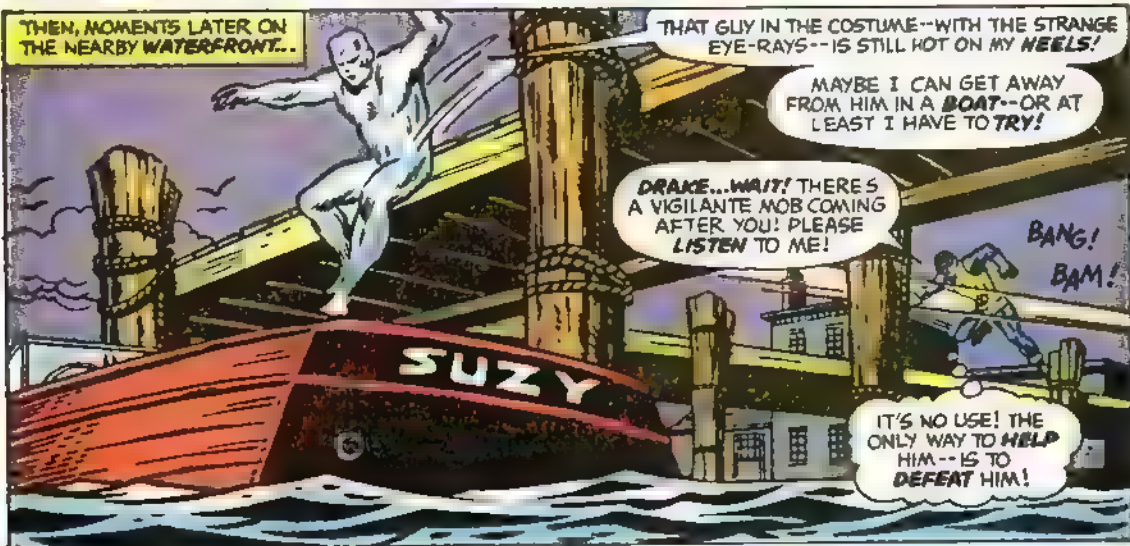
WHILE, ONLY A FEW STEPS BEHIND...

OKAY, BOYS--I RECKON I WAS WRONG! GO AFTER 'EM!

THEY'RE NOT TO ESCAPE--NO MATTER WHAT!



THEN, MOMENTS LATER ON THE NEARBY WATERFRONT...



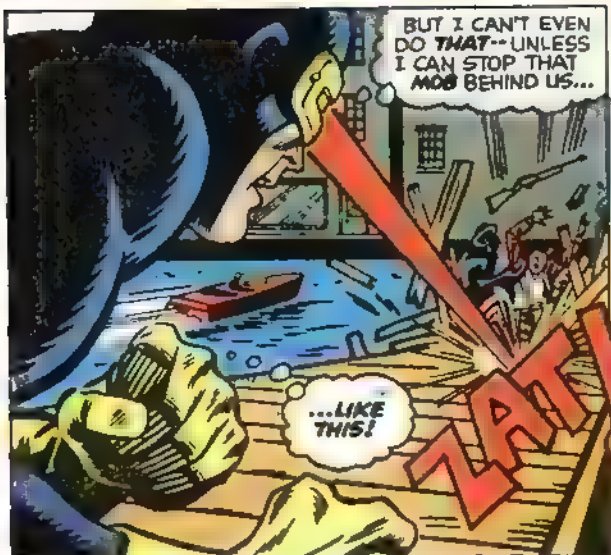
THAT GUY IN THE COSTUME--WITH THE STRANGE EYE-RAYS--IS STILL HOT ON MY HEELS!

MAYBE I CAN GET AWAY FROM HIM IN A BOAT--OR AT LEAST I HAVE TO TRY!

DRAKE...WAIT! THERE'S A VIGILANTE MOB COMING AFTER YOU! PLEASE LISTEN TO ME!

BANG!  
BAM!

IT'S NO USE! THE ONLY WAY TO HELP HIM--IS TO DEFEAT HIM!



BUT I CAN'T EVEN DO THAT--UNLESS I CAN STOP THAT MOB BEHIND US...

...LIKE THIS!

ZAT!

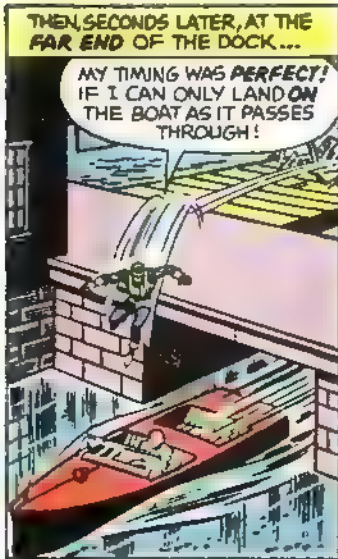


THAT SHOULD HOLD THEM FOR A MINUTE OR TWO!

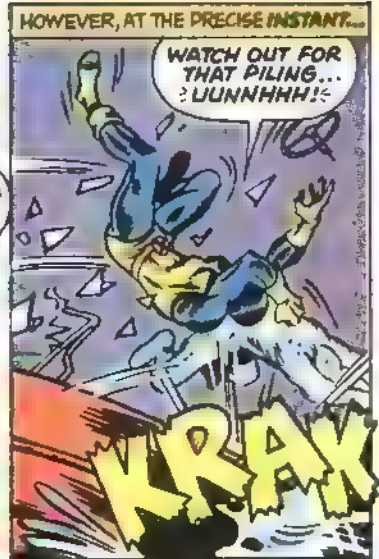
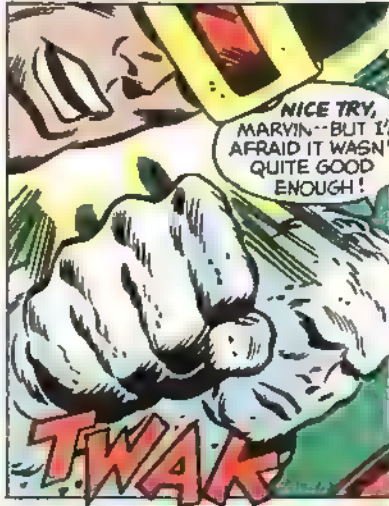
NOW IF I CAN ONLY REACH YOUNG DRAKE!

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY! STOP THEM! STOP THEM!

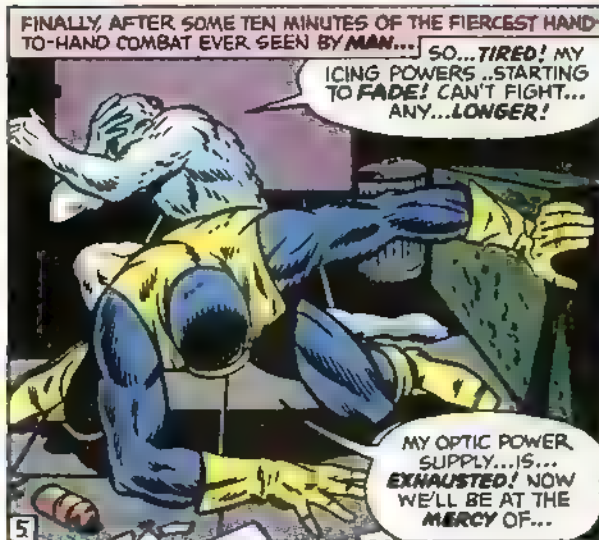
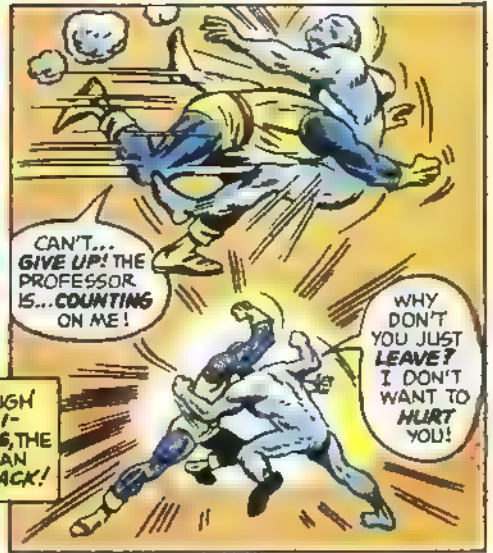
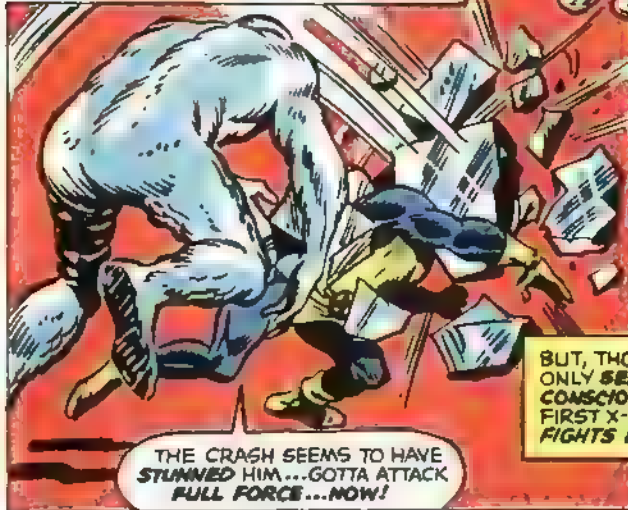




BUT, AS CHARLES XAVIER'S YOUTHFUL PROTEGE LANDS INSIDE THE SPEEDING MOTORBOAT BESIDE BOBBY DRAKE...



AND, AFTER THE IMPACT HAS HURLED BOTH COMBATANTS ONTO THE NEARBY PIER...



**NEXT: "THE SECOND X-MAN!"**

**NOTE: OUR LETTERS SECTION APPEARS AFTER NEXT PAGE...**



## THE SECOND GOLDEN AGE OF MARVEL IS HERE!

(And You Didn't Even Bake A Cake!)

**ITEM!** To give you an idea how far in advance we have to write these pithy pages, it's the day after Christmas, 1967 at this very moment as we write these lines... but you'll probably be reading this sometime in April 1968! And you wonder why we have trouble remembering things! Anyway onward —

**ITEM!** Well we did it! In the space of a few short months, we've given the HULK, CAPTAIN AMERICA, IRON MAN, SUB-MARINER SHIELD and DR. STRANGE their own feature length magazines — and each and every one is on sale MONTHLY! But, if you expect us to give you a chance to catch your breath, forget it! Here come the latest developments in Marvel's march to a nervous breakdown —

**ITEM!** From now on, MARVEL SUPERHEROES our big, brawny 25¢ bi-monthly block buster, will feature a different superhero star each ish. And, if your letters are as enthusiastic as we expect them to be, we'll eventually award a complete monthly mag to our costumed cavorters! The first sensational superstar to be so featured — on sale right now — is none other than the miraculous MEDUSA, the gorgeous long-haired siren of the incomparable INHUMANS! Drawn by Genial Gene Colan, we promise you the fantasy thrill of the month, replete with dazzling guest stars and a zillion surprises! And that's only the beginning —!

**ITEM!** One of our greatest new mags is such a howlin' success that we're gonna print it every two months from now on in a king sized 25¢ edition! The first of these new special size editions goes on sale next month — but, till then, see if you can guess which title it is! ALSO — we're introducing a second 25¢ center next month, but it'll be a brand new title! (A favorite superhero guest star of yours, but he's never had his own mag before!) There, that'll give you something to think about while you're counting your no-prizes!

**ITEM!** We're just throwing this little tidbit in for kicks. Did you know that MILLIE THE MODEL, the mag we always kid about and poke fun at, has become one of the best-selling titles on our world famous list? It's a fact! The only explanation we can think of is that there must be more fantastic ones than we ever suspected who like nutty stories about a gorgeous blonde model, featuring the corniest gags of Smiley can write! And how about the RAWHIDE KID? We had almost forgotten that we still publish our last remaining wild-n-wooly Western until we saw Merry Marty Goodman reading the sales reports with a big grin, and we realized that every "They went thataway" fan in the world must be buying out all the copies! So thanks to all you literature-lovers for proving once again that the more we know, the less we know!

**ITEM!** And now the BIG one! The announcement you've been waiting for! Our precedent shattering 35¢ SPIDER-MAN Spectacular is now on sale! It features the longest single superhero thriller ever published in a comic mag — an actual FIFTY TWO PAGE mystery action epic! PLUS — a feature length ORIGIN OF SPIDER-MAN, completely rewritten and redrawn for this landmark issue! Every wondrous word is from the enchanted pen of our light hearted leader, Stan the Man — while Jazzy Johnny Romita ramrodded the 52-page's artwork, aided by our newest Bullpen great — Jim (Madman) Mooney! As for the Origin of Spidey, wait'll you see how Larupin Larry Lieber breathed new life into that now-classic chronicle. But, the best

part of it is the mag itself! Although in comic book format it ISN'T a comic book! It's a real, glitzy, status drenched, slick-paper publication! You'll have to look for it amongst the so-called "better" magazines at your newsstand — and we promise you this — it'll be worth the trouble! And now, a word of advice — after you've bought it don't trade it, lend it, or lose it! It's destined to become a highly-prized collectors' item the minute it's all sold out — which it'll be "most any second now!" So don't just stand there, pilgrim — GET IT! You know how we hate to see a grown man cry!

## STAN'S SOAPBOX!

Now that the news is out about our jumbo-sized Spidey mag, everybody's been asking what'll happen to our web-slinger's regular 12¢ bestseller! The answer is — nothing! It's still being published each and every month, the same as always. The new 35¢ thriller is an ADDITIONAL mag, not a replacement! And, while we're on the subject, I've gotta tell you this. There have been very few individual mags which I've personally recommended to you — (mostly because I think they're ALL kinda good) — but this time I'm going way out on a limb. If you buy no other Marvel mag this month, I urge you to latch onto the new SPIDER-MAN Spectacular! It's far more than just another gimmick — it represents an entirely new concept in superhero presentation! It represents possibly Marvel's finest achievement to date — and it contains a mind staggering hint of things yet to come! This month will go down in history as the month of another new Marvel milestone — and you'll be a part of it! But now, it's time to cut out — before you think we're trying to sell you something! Pax et justitia! —Smiley.

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**FANTASTIC FOUR #76:** Searching for the Silver Surfer the fabulous FF take the most incredible journey ever recorded — knowing that every second brings the world closer to its doom — at the hands of Galactus!

**SPIDER-MAN #62:** You never expected it to happen! In fact, WE never expected it to happen! But Spidey has the fight of his life — against Medusa! And adventure will never be the same again!

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the benevolent Brotherhood of Evil Mutants! And wait'll you dig who finally ends up the howlin' hero in our mind-boggling climax! Sheesh!

**DAREDEVIL #41:** It had to happen! You are about to witness "The Death of Mike Murdock!" But, what happens to Matt Murdock? And how does Daredevil battle the Extreminator and his Unholy Threes? Well, why not see for yourself?

**MIGHTY THOR #153:** If you've been wondering what happened to Dr. Don Blake, this is the yarn for you. But maybe we shouldn't tell you that Loki finally has the upper hand!

**CAPTAIN AMERICA #103:** It's like a nightmare! The girl Cap loves, a prisoner of the deadly Red Skull! And, when he finally saves her, our hero has signed his own death warrant!

**INCREDIBLE HULK #105:** They call our power-packed villain the Missing Link — and, when you see how he tears into ol' Green Skin, you'll see why the Incredible One wishes he had stayed missing! It's a blast!

**IRON MAN #3:** Who said we'd forgotten all about Shellhead's pal, Happy Hogan? Not your brain bustin' Bullpen! But, along with Hap, we've also brought back his evil alter ego... the awesomely powerful Freak! Hooey boy!

**SUB-MARINER #3:** Namor and the titanic Triton — chained together as unwilling allies! The pernicious Plant Man! The walking monstrosity they call the Leviathan! Put them all together, and they spell action!

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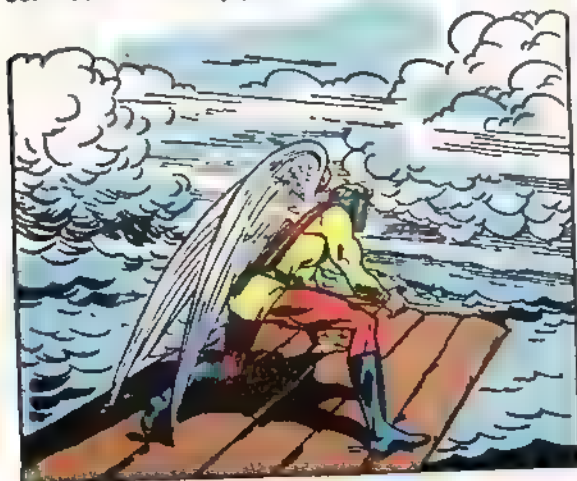
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Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

I am writing in regard to X-MEN #42 — "The Death of Professor X" I can hardly believe it! I remember finishing reading Mutant Mailbox of #41 and saw the preview of ish #42 I showed it to my friends and they couldn't believe it either! Then it came! I held my breath throughout the issue. I liked the way Grotesk tried to destroy the earth. Page 15 was the best work of art I have ever seen in a comic mag. Not to mention all the wording (the last panels on p 14 were so solemn I almost cried!). In a way I think Grotesk killed Professor X. For even though he would have died later, he said, "I was too close to the explosion ... to hope to survive!" and on page 13 he was struck down by Grotesk, unable to move before the explosion which killed him! X-MEN #42 was the greatest!!

Mike Spencer, 5200 Ingalls #3  
Arvada, Colo 80002

Glad you think so, Mike — and, one thing you gotta admit! When your brain-blastin' Bullpen tosses a bomb-shell at you, it doesn't fool around about it! But, then, that's what separates Marvel from Brand Echhl (Oppst We've forgotten our promise not to use that term anymore! Pardon us while we have Irv Forbush wash out our mouths with soap!)



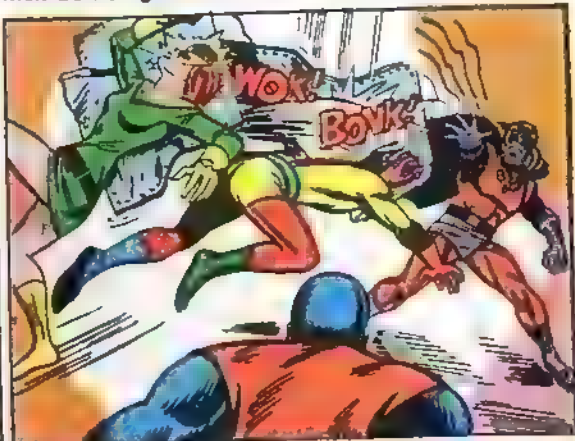
Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

I hate you. Of all things, why did you have the Professor die? I have finished reading X-MEN #42, and I can hardly keep the tears back! Believe it or not, I'm actually crying because the Professor is dead. You've always tried to make your characters appear real, but in this case I think you have succeeded too well. I don't understand why you made the Professor die, but as far as I'm concerned you have made a horrible mistake. Professor X was the finest man I ever knew, even if he was only a comic-book character. He made the X-Men. In a way, he was the X-Men. Even I am feeling a loss. There is only one way you can rectify an unforgivable error. Find some way to bring the Professor back. I don't care how you do it. Bring him back from the dead if necessary, but do it. Perhaps find some scientific way for him to live. I must leave you with this one request. Please bring back Professor X. It just wouldn't be right without the Professor, and I'm sure all the X-Men agree with me.

Trudy Barr, 803 Elmwood Dr.  
St. Charles, Missouri 63301

And we're sure they do, too, Trudy! Anyone who loses someone near to him is bound to wish there were some

way to bring the departed person back! However, the fact is that death knocks only once — even for Professor X! Much as it grieves us to say it, he's gone forever — but, like everyone else, time will heal the wounds of the X-Men's terrible loss — and the awe-inspiring memory of their leader will remain to spur them ever onward in their battle against the forces of evil!



Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

It has happened, and my heart is deeply saddened. I had developed a close union with Professor Xavier ... and now he is dead. You now further show that you are undoubtedly No. 1. Your story was sad and when I read the last page my heart ... fell. It is written, the man who has led the famed X-Men for more than three years is dead, and the faithful team must continue without him. You ask that we keep our letters to one page, but this is the only time I find it impossible, so please make allowances. As for Professor Charles Xavier, may his memory forever live!

Bert Wilkinson, 30 Jones Ave.  
Boston, Mass. 02124

And we're certain that it will, Bert — in the hearts of mutant-watchers everywhere! We could go on and on praising the Professor ourselves, but we feel the eulogies of Marvel-dam Assembled are far greater tribute to the man than we ourselves could ever speak!

Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

Issue #42 of X-MEN is too fantastic to even try to describe with words. The battle between Grotesk and Hank and Scott was terrific; the climax where you wondered whether (WHEW!) the Earth was going to be blown up or not was sensational; and Professor X's death was so grieving that it brought a tear to my eye. How our not-so-merry mutants will take the strain remains to be seen. The conclusion of the origin of Cyclops was earth-shattering, and I can't wait until the origin of Iceman is released upon the unsuspecting world. To sum it up, there will never be another mag quite like X-MEN #42!

Glenn Miller, Jr., 919 Eureka St.  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15210

We hope not, G. M. — 'cause one less like the death of Professor X in a lifetime is more than enough for any Bullpen! As for how our marvelous mutants carry on without their founder, only time will tell! But, stay with us, Glenn — 'cause we've got a hunch they'll come through with flying colors!

Now hear this! Please keep all letters no longer than ONE PAGE! Have mercy, mellow ones!



Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

In issue #41 of The X-MEN, one fan presented a problem concerning the Super-Adaptoid. I came up with a solution that I thought was appropriate and decided to pass it on to you. A closely (?) related analogy may help to clarify and prove my point. A person is given a shot to make him contract a mild form of some disease, resulting in an immunity to that disease. The Adaptoid's adaptive processes were not expecting artificial powers when he tried to adapt the powers of the Mimic. Therefore, the initial shock of trying to adapt artificial powers caused him to fail. Being an adaptoid, his body was able to adapt itself to adapt artificial powers as well as natural ones. Thus, he was able to adapt Iron Man's artificial powers. Edward Nichols, 2817 Lincoln Ave. Lawton, Oklahoma 73501

You lost us way back there somewhere, Eddy, baby — but since even a confoundingly confusing answer is better than the no answer at all we were able to come up with, consider yourself no-prized! Sheesh! Our brain-power may be a little lacking, but at least you can't knock our generosity!



Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

I've just gotten my greedy little Marvel-grabbing hands on issue #41 of THE X-MEN. It was superb! It passed by far the standards set by other Marvel stories! Grotesk is a startling new type of foe for the X-Men, a kind that should be seen more often. By the way, whose idea was it to draw the heavy black lines around the word balloons of Grotesk? They suggest a thunderous, menacing voice. The "Origins of the X-Men" series is a wonderful idea. I predict that it will be the biggest thing since Sue's grand announcement! So, till the Beast gets athlete's foot, "Hail Marvel!"

Larry Bryant, Route #1  
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And for those cataclysmically kind words, here's the tossin' a "Hail, Larry!" right back at you! As for our sensational "Origins" series, all we can say is that it is about the biggest thing going since Sweet Sue started knitting little booties — a least that's what the mountains of mail you've been heaping upon us say! Finally, we gotta confess that Roy the Boy came up with the extra-heavy-bordered word balloons for Grotesk! Don't

tell him we said so, though! He's already trying to get his name lettered on splash panels bigger than the story title — and another put on the back just might convince him that he deserves it!



Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

Enough! I can't overlook this point any longer! I rise to question one of the many facets of the Marvel Philosophy. In X-MEN #41 the Beast made the observation that "violence is the last refuge of the incompetent!" Similarly, Dr. Strange in Spider-Man Special #1 said, "Violence is the last resort of the ignorant!" I contend that these statements are misquotes and should read that violence is the first refuge of the incompetent, and the last refuge of the wise. To the incompetent and ignorant, a speedy display of might is the only answer to conflict. But as the Silver Surfer said (TALES TO ASTONISH #93), "Violence but breeds violence until one last attribute... total destruction!" A thinking man, on the other hand, is aware of the consequences of spontaneous violence, and will seek to settle a dispute by means other than violence (such as through negotiations). The thinking man will resort to violence when all other avenues of settlement fail. In short, a thinking man uses violence as a last resort. I rest my case (who says this isn't the Marvel Age of philosophical debate?). Until Cyclops starts wearing contacts... Excelsior!

William Garnett, 146-A McDavid Hall  
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Suits us, Willy — and we'll have to go along with your philosophical flurry as well, mainly because Rascally Roy and Groovy Gary wouldn't stand still for us arguing with a student from their old home state university! Of course, if they get too adamant about it, we can always resort to violence! Right? Right!



Dear Stan, Roy, and Don,

If only it hadn't happened! The death of Professor X, as depicted so beautifully in the last 3 panels of issue #42, made this issue a never-to-be-forgotten one. No words can express my grief, for Charles Xavier became as real a person as you and me. His courage, wisdom and power made him as much an X-Man as his five students. He died as he lived, bravely defending humanity from untold danger.

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